GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department – Surprise check conducted by Anti Corruption Bureau over the O/o. Sub Registrar, Palamaneru, Chittoor District on 27.5.2011 – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri B. Rangaiah Chetty, Sub-Registrar (Retd.) and others on the allegations of certain irregularities – Regular Enquiry conducted – Report submitted – Disciplinary Action finalized - Imposition of a punishment of 6% cut in pension for a period of two years – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.588 **Dated: 22-06-2015**

Read the following:

1) From the DG, ACB, AP, Hyderabad, Rc.No.15/DES-TCT/2011, dt.13.1.2012.
2) Govt. Memo No.5841/Vig.VI(1)/2012-2, dt.6.2.2012.
3) From the DIG, R&S, Chittoor, Memo No.G/152/2011, dt.14.3.2012.
4) From the C&IG, R&S, Lr.No.Vig.2/8301/2011, dt.9.4.2012.
5) G.O.Rt.No.980, Revenue (Vig.VI) Department, dt.2.7.2012.
6) G.O.Rt.No.981, Revenue (Vig.VI) Department, dt.2.7.2012.
7) From the District Registrar, Chittoor, Lr.No.E/151/2012, dt.13.12.2013.
8) Govt. Memo No.5841/Vig.II(2)/2012-3, dt.19.8.2014.
9) Representation of the Sri B. Rangaiah Chetty, Sub-Registrar, (Retd.), dt.9.9.2014.
10) Govt. Memo No.5841/Vig.II(2)/2012-4, dt.22.1.2015.
11) Representation of the Sri B. Rangaiah Chetty, Sub-Registrar (Retd.), dt.25.2.2015.
12) From the APPSC, Lr.No.435/RT/1/2015, dt.25.5.2015

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ORDER:

It was brought to the notice of the Government that on credible information, a surprise check was conducted by the ACB officials over the Office of Sub-Registrar, Palamaner, Chittoor District on 27.5.2011, found some irregularities and sent final report duly recommending Departmental action for major penalty against Sri B. Rangaiah Chetty, Sub-Registrar and 3 other staff of Sub-Registrar office, Palamaner, Chittoor District. Accordingly, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Chittoor was requested to initiate major penalty proceedings against the staff vide reference 2nd read above. In the reference 4th read above, it was brought to the notice of Government that Sri B. Rangaiah Chetty, Sub-Registrar was retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation. Hence, Government ordered for a common enquiry against all the Charged Officers and framed following article of charges against Sri B. Rangaiah Chetty, Sub-Registrar(Retd.) vide reference 5th read above.

Charge-I:

"……he in collusion with other staff working in Sub-Registrar office, Palamaner engaged the services of document writers and assistant document writers for collection of bribe/illegal gratifications from the claimants/ other persons visiting the office on various purposes. During the surprise check conducted by the ACB officials on 27.5.2011 four document writers and two assistants to document writers were found present unauthorizedly inside the Sub-Registrar office and unaccounted cash of Rs.24,225/- was found in their possession and the same was seized thus he committed grave misconduct by violating the guidelines of the superior officers."

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Charge – II:
"……failed to be a supervisory officer in taking all possible steps to ensure the integrity and devotion to duty of all the Government Servants for the time being under his control and authority. This is clearly evident from maintenance of the personal cash register by sub registrar and staff members as there is large variation found in cash held by them with that against amounts disclosed in personal cash register."

Charge-III:
"……failed to be a supervisory officer in taking all possible steps to ensure the integrity and devotion to duty of all the Government Servants for the time being under his control and authority. This is clearly evident from maintenance of the attendance register of his office as Sri E. Bhaskara Naidu did not sign in the attendance register on 26.5.2011 and 27.5.2011 and allowed Sri E.Bhaskar Naidu to absent unauthorized and allowing him to go on CL without prior sanction. He being the supervisory officer and head of the office failed to maintain attendance register for the outsourcing staff."

Charge-IV:
"…….he allowed Sri P. Gajendranath, Office Sub-Ordinate to threw an amount of Rs.3405/- on the floor at his table, thus he failed in taking all possible steps to ensure the integrity and devotion to duty of his office Sub-Ordinate."

Charge-V:
"……..during the surprise visit of ACB authorities on 27.5.2011 outsourcing employees Sri B. Siva Kumar, Jr. Assistant, Sri S. Praveen Kumar, DEO and Smt. K.R.Dharani, DEO were found working at Sub-Registrar, Palamaner. As report by the ACB authorities out of the 3 outsourcing employees working only Sri B. Siva Kumar has signed in the attendance register but did not disclose his personal cash held with him in the personal Cash Register. The attendance register for remaining outsourcing staff was not maintained. Thus he failed to be a supervisory officer."

2. Whereas in the reference 6th read above, a Regular Enquiry Officer was appointed to inquire into the charges framed against them. In the reference 7th read above, the Regular Enquiry Officer submitted his report and stated that out of 5 charges framed against Sri B. Rangaiah Chetty, Sub-Registrar(Retd), Charge-III and V are proved.

3. Whereas in the reference 8th read above, the enquiry report was communicated to the Charged Officer Sri B. Rangaiah Chetty, Sub-Registrar (Retd), with a direction to submit his representation if any on the findings of the inquiry officer. The Charged Officer submitted his representation in the reference 9th read above. Government after careful examination of the findings of the Regular Enquiry Officer report and representation of the individual have provisionally decided to impose a punishment of 6% cut in pension for a period of two years against Sri B. Rangaiah Chetty, Sub-Registrar (Retd.), as the charge- III and Charge –V are held proved and accordingly a Show Cause Notice was issued for his explanation vide reference 10th read above.

4. Sri B. Rangaiah Chetty, Sub-Registrar (Retd.), has submitted his explanation vide reference 11th read above. Government after careful examination of the matter has observed that the Accused Officer has not put forth any new grounds to examine the issue further. Hence, Government decided to confirm the provisional decision i.e. to impose a penalty of 6% cut in pension for a period of two years against Sri B. Rangaiah Chetty, Sub-Registrar (Retd.). The A.P. Public Service Commission agreed with the proposal of the Government vide reference 12th read above (copy enclosed to the Charged Officer).

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5. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of 6% cut in pension for a period of two years against Sri B. Rangaiah Chetty, Sub-Registrar (Retd.), O/o Sub Registrar, Palamaneru, Chittoor District.

6. The Director and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad / Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Chittoor, shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly under intimation to Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Chittoor.
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The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
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